GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Use of Ethanol in Chemical Industry
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the chemical industry is the second biggest user of ethanol in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantity used during each of the last two years;
(c) the total requirement of ethanol by the chemical industry in the country, particularly in the State of Karnataka;
(d) whether there is a shortage of domestically produced ethanol and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of ethanol to meet the demand?

Answer

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS, SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)
(a) No
(b) Question does not arise.
(c) No data on requirement is maintained centrally; however the total production of ethanol in the country is 2613.6 million litre (2015-16). The State Govt. of Karnataka has informed that the consumption of ethanol by the chemical units in the state was 47,99,745 Bulk litres during the year 2016-17.
(d) & (e) The Chemical & Petrochemical sector is delicensed and deregulated. The entrepreneurs are setting up their units based on techno economic feasibility, feed stock, raw material availability and market driven forces as per demand supply scenario in the country. The Government's role is that of a facilitator.
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